



# PIONEER LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

## MAY 2025

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### PIONEER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 4, 2025

All members except Dana Crooks met for Pioneer Lutheran Church Council after church service on May 4, 2025. Pastor Teri Johnson also attended.

Carole Hansen, President, called the meeting to order. Bill Powers offered devotions.

Secretary's report was given, then approved with a motion by Julie Petersen, second by Todd Murphy.

Treasurer's report was given, then approved with a motion by Bill, second by Charlotte Mickelson.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Noise control in hall: Steve Hicks will order hardware so Dana can install the panels.
2. Spring Bible Study will begin May 17, 2025, at UMC in White.
3. Upcoming events: Paul & Karolynn wedding at 2 PM on May 31, 2025, at Pioneer. Clean up work will be required afterwards in preparation for Sunday service.

Danish meal date is set for July 20, 2025, after church service.

Blessing of Animals is October 5, 2025.

4. Member directory: no action
5. Facilities committee – tasked to check dusk to dawn lights.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Pioneer Days Parade, July 19, 2025, in White. Bill will ask Val Hicks if she would enter parade with ponies.
2. Pastor Teri report: Good turn out for Lent soup suppers and service with Methodist Church. Ran out of palms for Palm Sun – more need to be ordered next year. Continuing calls and 3 funeral services. Confirmation class will break for summer months: class did attend a movie, one student will be confirmed in October.
3. Next meeting is June 1, 2025, after Sunday service.

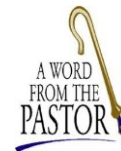
Motion to adjourn made by Julie, second by Todd.

Council members prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary, Charlotte Mickelson



<b>Pioneer Lutheran Financial Report</b>	
<b>April 30, 2025</b>	
General Fund	\$ 24,904.40
Memorial Fund	\$ 1,589.88
	\$ 26,494.28
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Sioux Valley Energy electricity	\$ 382.64
ITC - phone and internet	\$ 96.51
BDRW water	\$ 46.00
Teri Johnson Salary	\$ 2,450.00
Patty Thompson palms	\$ 19.91
Charlotte Mickelson sound panels	\$ 100.00
Postmaster stamps	\$ 73.00
Schwartz Spectic	\$ 208.40
Courtsey Plumbing	\$ 802.43
	<b>4178.89</b>
<b>6-Apr</b>	\$ 1,510.00
<b>13-Apr</b>	\$ 1,070.00
<b>20-Apr</b>	\$ 4,820.00
<b>27-Apr</b>	\$ 490.00
	<b>7,890.00</b>
<b>MISC INCOME</b>	
Thrivent Grant	\$ 51.00
Lent 4-9	\$ 258.00
Lent 4-17	\$ 271.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 580.00</b>
<b>MISC EXPENSE</b>	
FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 1,271.00



## Pastor Teri's weekly sermons can be found on the church website.

<https://www.pioneerlutheran.org/sermon>

Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Resurrected Savior Jesus Christ,

I am excited to be leading a Bible study beginning May 17 entitled: "The Third Day: Living the Resurrection." The book is about the resurrection of Jesus Christ and how it profoundly changed the lives of those who followed him and how it can transform our lives as well. The Resurrection offered Jesus' disciples hope, new life, and the assurance that God is present not only in our brightest moments but also our darkest.

For the six weeks of Lent we focused on sin and forgiveness, the cost of discipleship, and the sacrifice of Jesus for our salvation. We gathered during Holy Week to consider Jesus' triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, the meaning of the Last Supper, and Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion. All of this is done to remind us that Jesus' suffering and death are the means through which Christ secured the hope of salvation for all believers.

The high point of this season is the joyful celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Churches limit this celebration to their sixty-minute worship time before quickly moving on to other matters. By doing so, have we lost the deeper lesson? It was Martin Luther who said that every Sunday is a "little Easter." Are we honoring that?

The author of the study book writes: “The Resurrection is not a strategy or a product. It is not sold by self-help gurus telling us, ‘Get some resurrection and you, too, can find a new life!’ Instead, we need the Resurrection to be a reference point in our lives rather than one Sunday on our calendars. Because Jesus was resurrected on the third day, we know that God offers new beginnings, no matter what the facts of our present reality seem to tell us.”

We all need the power of the Resurrection because none of us is exempt from facing disappointments, dead ends, doubt, despair, or death—all of which are part of living in a broken world. Just as Jesus’ followers were transformed by their encounters with the risen Christ, we, too, can experience the joy of new life in Christ.

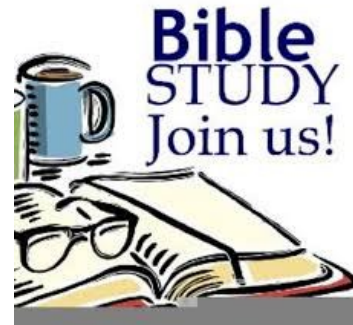
I invite you to this study as together we renew a deep sense of hope and joy in the power and possibilities of Resurrection Life! The study begins Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 AM at the White United Methodist Church.

Together in Christ,

Pastor Teri



'Our church is participating in the annual Lutherans for Life Diaper Derby beginning Mother's Day (May 11) through Father's Day (June 15). A special request this year are Sizes' 4-5-6-7 diapers (~22# - 41#) and newborn toys. No clothing is needed at this time. Let's be a blessing to these little ones!'



### Spring Adult Bible Study

Together with the White UMC, there will be a spring adult Bible study beginning Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The study will discuss the book, “The Third Day: Living the Resurrection.” Author Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Through the study we will join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. The study traces events around these characters along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The Bible Study will take place at the White United Methodist Church.





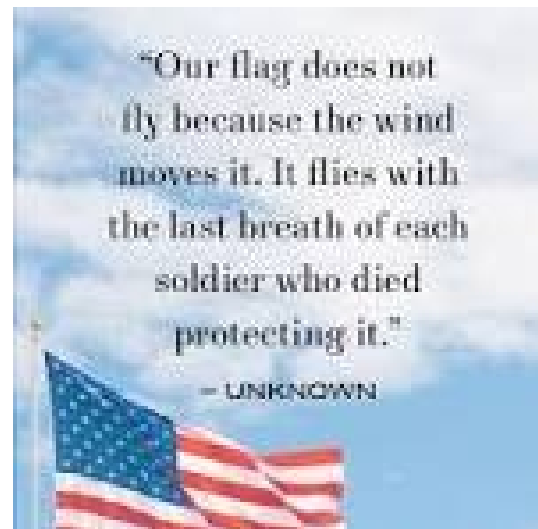
## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **May 10 11:30 Fellowship United Methodist Church of White**
- **May 17 10:00 am Bible Study**
- **LITS meets after church service**
- **May 24 10:00 am Bible Study**
- **May 31 Holler wedding**
- **June 1 Church council following service**
- **June 1 Newsletter articles to Julie [jmpete@itctel.com](mailto:jmpete@itctel.com)**
- **We need Monthly Cleaners, Readers and coffee servers**
- **We continue to collect Hy-Vee receipts, so remember to bring yours.**
  - **Please remember to bring your donations for the Brookings Food Pantry. Your contributions are a blessing to others**




## a prayer of thanks FOR MY CHURCH

Dear Father,  
 Today I thank you for my church.  
 While some might think  
 of doors and windows,  
 I'm praising you  
 for spirits and hearts.  
 The people whose lives you've intersected  
 Are remarkable through your grace.  
 I can't praise you enough  
 for the unique way  
 You've blended the talents of individuals  
 Into beautiful masterpieces of joy.  
 May we love one another to the fullest  
 And be evidence of your ultimate love  
 To advance the work of your kingdom.  
 Amen.  
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# MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
READERS: MAY-DANA JUNE-CAROLE	CLEANERS: MAY-ARLENE JUNE-KAREN			1	2	3
4 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION CHURCH COUNCIL	5	6	7	8	9	10 11:30 MAY FELLOWSHIP
11 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP Lits meets Confirmation	12	13	14	15	16	17 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
18 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM PRAISE WORSHIP	19	20	21	22	23	24 10 AM BIBLE STUDY
25 9 AM ADULT FORUM 10 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE	26 	27	28	29	30	31 HOLLER WEDDING

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